

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method particularly useful in performing minimally invasive surgical procedures includes a thin, flexible surgical film including a radiopaque grid to assist in x-ray visualization. The grid is also preferably visible to the human eye. The grid may be a Cartesian coordinate grid with distance markings, or may be based on an
5 alternative coordinate system. The film preferably includes an adhesive backing and iodine for cut-through incisions.